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SUBJ: UNOFFICIAL GISCARD VISIT TO SPAIN? QUAI SAYS NO.

- 1. PRESS REPORTS IN MID-MARCH FLOATED RUMOR THAT GISCARD MAY BE THINKING OF AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN SOMETIME THIS SPRING IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION BY THE KING. AT THE TIME ELYSEE SPOKESMAN LIMITED HIMSELF TO CAUTIOUS "NO COMMENT."
- 2. THIS WEEK WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE QUESTION WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS BLOT, WHO CATEGORICALLY SAID NO, NO GISCARD VISIT, OFFICIAL OR OTHERWISE, WAS IN THE WORKS. INDEED, BLOT ELABORATED, NO FURTHER SENIOR VISITS IN EITHER DIRECTION ARE LIKELY BEFORE SPANISH ELECTIONS, APART FROM ROUTINE TECHNICAL VISITS BY MINISTERS OR PARLIAMENTARIANS.
- 3. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF BLOT'S RESPONSE, WE WOULD NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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BE TOO SURPRISED IF GISCARD WERE IN FACT THINKING
OF A SHORT "UNOFFICIAL" VISIT WITH HIS FRIEND THE KING.
GISCARD HAS MADE PERSONAL TRIPS LIKE THIS BEFORE (WE
RECALL THE POLISH HUNTING WEEKEND LAST YEAR), AND ENJOYS
KEEPING QUAI IN DARK.
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